However, we felt that if we continued our quiet, but persistent efforts without losing our original purpose, the people can not ignore Gangjeong village. We wait for more ups and downs, as well as trials and errors, for the organization to be set as a support center for Jeju citizens on Gangjeong. Ms. Bou Soon-Jeong, in charge of public relations, has maintained a table every Tuesday in front of Jeju City Hall from 6-8 pm, addressing questions and concerns. The Friends’ has been at the site almost every week. Nearly a year has passed and yet there are still people who ask, “what is Gangjeong?” Some people explicitly expressing their uneasiness about “Gangjeong Peacekeepers” or “Valley of Peace”. Gangjeong was also discussed in 3 other countries, including 520,000 congregations… “Together we shall overcome” was quite fitting to describe the movement. The workshop was packed with about 70-80 people attending with not enough chairs. Speakers from Jeju, Henni, Philip, Oslomed, and Lanyu (Taiwan) shared moving presentations with food indicating strong interest in building a network of inter-island solidarity with Jeju. Gangjeong was also discussed in 3 other workshops, one of which was to make a project group from the histone peace churches of Australia, Montenegro, and others.

On Oct. 30-Nov. 9, the World Council of Churches (WCC) held its 10th assembly in Busan, Korea. The WCC is one of the largest religious bodies in the world and according to Wikipedia, “collectively represents some 590 million people, globally in 195 countries, including 290,000 congregations…”. This year’s theme “God’s life, lead us to Justice and Peace” was quite fitting to describe the movement. The WCC to issue statement on Jeju. The WCC to issue statement on Jeju and Asia was postponed until July 2014. However, at that time, the WCC will issue a statement against the militarization of the Asia-Pacific and the destruction of Jeju naval base project in Gangjeong. God of life, lead us to justice and peace!

Korean President Park Geun-Hye’s visit to France was met by Korean and French protesters in front of the Eiffel Tower. They held signs protesting the nuclear stance of France. Further National & Local Inspections on Base Construction

On Oct. 28, during the National Assembly inspection on the Coast Guard, Dr. Song Kang-Ho and Br. Park Do-Hyun both currently imprisoned, were present to testify as witnesses on the unjust use of state power. The report on the Inspection of the military base in Gangjeong was accepted. The statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeong and Asia Pivot was included in a statement on nuclear energy. After several revisions, the statement on Gangjeon...
"Pivot to the Asia Pacific" strategy, we can anticipate that the Philippines will only the Ukraine, formed a community in their vision for peace. Finally, unable to go to reunification. The others were from 14 countries (Brazil, African nations of Malawi, 130 people rode the Peace Train. Almost half were Koreans longing for peaceful All religions and cultures have stories of journeys. Journey is a metaphor of our lives. People's Forum in the Face of a Belligerent Empire To be honest, I had no idea what WCC stood for. I thought it was another World Conservation Congress that took place in Sep 2012, but I did not get the sense that it was about the environment. Researching on the internet, I realized that’s also a huge international event. Since the Jeju naval base is a very important global issue, I decided to participate to help the whole world know about Jeju’s nonviolent peace movement. A WCC solidarity group visited Gangjeong village prior to the WCC to attend the Peace for Life-People's Forum held here at the island of peace. About 50 people from 15 different countries came to Gangjeong village to show how important the navy base construction was to the environment and how resilient and colorful the Gangjeong struggle has been. The theme of the forum, “Affirming Life Together in the Face of Belligerent Empires” was very appropriate for the Jeju islanders’ long history of struggles. During the forum, materials and Maximin Christian solidarity for global justice and peace was often emphasized. Before I met them, I thought they would be the most pacifistic Christians, but the participants were more a peace activist through religious leaders. More than 100 people were at the forum and they talked quite sensibly about the link between the Jeju base and the U.S. Empire’s role in Asia. They were knowledgeably, members, and compassionate towards a village’s continuous struggle against a belligerent empire. Many people could relate to the struggle as they came from countries with similar experience: the Philippines, India, Columbia, Hong Kong, etc. Before heading to Busan, they all promised to do their best to help Gangjeong Village. It was really encouraging and reassuring to know that we are all in this together, working for peace in the world.

People’s Forum in the Face of a Belligerent Empire

Citizens Challenge Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition

For the 1st time in 200 years of Korean Catholic history, a Korean man has been indicted for his role in the peaceful protest against the naval base construction on Jeju. On November 14th, more than 50 students, 10 priests and supporters from Jeju and the mainland filled the courtroom to witness the trial of Sister Stella Soh Shik. Sr. Soh was indicted on charges of obstruction of business like many other Gangjeong Peace activists. Her arrest was not what she requested as she opposed the transfer of the trial court to Seoul as she is living in Seoul and her health condition is not good. According to Soh, she has been coming to Gangjeong to protest when she has time and money, as many other Catholic priests and sisters have been doing for the past several years.

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